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Sir:

In re application of: Cyrille Ponet et al.

For: TOWED IMPLEMENT FOR OPERATION ON- AND OFF-ROAD

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and guided by 37 CFR 1.97 - 1.99, applicants respectfully submit the following information including any required copies of the documents listed on the attached form.

Remarks

The listed German patent and utility patent were cited in a German Patent Office search report dated 20 October 2003 wherein the searcher considered them to be of the "technical background" category.

DE3113163 relates to a hydraulic trailer brake, especially for tractor-drawn agricultural and forestry trailers, with a brake cylinder (16) arranged on the trailer for actuating the adjusting cams (108) of shoe brakes (102), the piston stroke of the brake cylinder (16) corresponding to a movement of the adjusting cams (108) over double the adjusting angle between the release position and the braking position, and in the two end positions of the piston (40), in which one of the pistons is constantly pressed by a spring (80), the adjusting cams (108) each assuming their braking position, and with a pressure source on the tractor which is connected to the brake cylinder (16) via a brake line (10) equipped with a releasable coupling (12). A valve (61) incorporated in the brake line (10) connects the brake line (10) to a return line (26) to the pressure source, the valve (61) being prestressed into a position in which it maintains the release pressure in the brake line (10). The valve (61) is so

connected by means of its adjusting member (67) to the mechanical connection (73) between the tractor and trailer that the prestress (69) of the valve (61) is in the opposite direction to an approach between the tractor and trailer, so that the trailer brake become effective as an overrunning brake.

DE29920285 relates to a hydraulic braking unit for agricultural tractor with towed equipment compares desired and actual trailer braking positions, relaying electrical corrective signal to hydraulic braking controller.

Japanese Patent Application 2002-240700 discloses the changing of the assistance of the brake force in a tractor in a manner which depends on the operating situation.

Respectfully,



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